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## Some Reasons for Rejecting the New Constitution

The committee on resolutions at the Lexington meeting reported the following:

We oppose the new constitution because the convention repudiated in the beginning the simple rule of construction, refused to give us the old constitution amended and constructed a new instrument altogether, changing the political ecology when it could change nothing else. By this course it will throw into confusion all the decisions of the courts relating to constitutional questions, and will open a new era of litigation, costly in its conduct, annoying in its effect, unsatisfactory in its conclusions.

Because the spirit pervading it is distrustful of the people and their representative government.

It deals with the legislature as an enemy of the people, and denies to their representatives that dignity and authority essential to a proper function between the three departments of government.

It restricts in alarming degree the right of local self-government, and thus the very life of free institutions.

It fails to recognize the distinction between "local legislation," which represents the local progress, and "state grants of exclusive privilege," which usurp the functions of the state governments.

It refuses to countenance the right to locate their property and taxes to the people of the counties the right to decide what taxes are levied in the period we have.

It denies to counties and districts the right to regulate local rates and gives to the more populous and more active denuding influence over the less populous counties in a manner calculated to offend the sense of justice and good taste of the people.

In the due measure it subjects our towns and cities of a large amount of government giving to them by charters various powers which are unnecessary and the necessities of the people. By means of these charters the State government takes the power from the people themselves and concentrates it in the State capital, devolves it upon the city tax-payers what may be best for the public works, and puts new disabilities in the path of municipal reform.

In the pretense of regulating corporations, it destroys competition and protects existing abuses.

Pretending to restrict the power of corporations, it limits the right of the individual to make contracts which are manifestly to his own personal advantage and without injury to the public.

Under the pretext of regulating taxation, the new constitution reduces State revenues from banks \$11,000, and to make good this loss involves the losses of the poor and disabled; the tax last \$200,000 made up of the necessary tools and farm implements and the household goods now exempt.

Without securing the returns of our coin system expected by the people, the convention has made changes that are serious in their character and harmful in their effects.

It has perverted the classes of the fee system, which the Legislature was gradually reforming and has placed restrictions on the discretion of the Legislature that will make it impossible fully to adjust our judicial department to the requirements of a growing population.

Because of these numerous changes, because all of them are born of a distrust of the people, because they all involve a radical alteration of the principles of government which the 100 years have prevailed in Kentucky, we protest against and will not support the adoption of the new constitution, and we call upon all good citizens, regardless of party alliances and party dictation, to go to the polls in August, and in the exercise of the highest prerogative of a free people, to review and reject the work of their representatives, who in convention assembled have magnified their commission, have ignored proper limitations upon their power, and have put into our organic law experiments which experience has already found hurtful, and other experiments which should be found only on our statutes if found anywhere.

**COOK'S SPRINGS**—June 16th is opening day at Cook's Springs. Roads have been worked well; every thing will be in good shape for the opening picnic. Splendid dinner and supper will be prepared. Two good musicians will be in attendance. Dancing both day and night. Plenty of shelter if it should rain. Everybody invited. Don't forget the day, Friday, June 19. Respectfully, J. F. COOK.

Cosby and Sewell, Kentucky boys, bore off both the honors of West Point this year.

## HUSTONVILLE.

—W. G. Cowan, longest a member of the legislature, Dr. Stagg for six years, and Mr. Clegg for two years, by a majority of eight to seven, the new constitution was adopted.

—The new officials are to be chosen every October, and will then choose the new constitution. We shall then have another election in November. We shall then be in a position to see if the new constitution is good or bad.

—W. M. McElroy is running around Hustonville in search of anything to start a riot, having created no ovations in his neighborhood. Mr. Al. W. Walker, of Paint Level, Terrell County, and John Lewis, Esq., of Mayfield, spent three days with T. Carpenter, Esq., of Covington, examining the red seal of the county. Wm. Clegg, one of the most active members of the convention, was at the same time in the office of Congresswoman Finey, of Prestonsburg, Moore Hill, Ewell, Cravens, and Mason, attorneys. It will take 10 days to try the defendant now on trial.

—Judge Bell is the most industrious judge I ever saw. He arrives court at 7 A.M. and departs between 6 and 7 P.M., with a short interval for dinner.

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## Williamsburg News, and Other Matters.

Editor L. C. Darrow.

Williamsburg, June 11.—Judge Boyd and others spoke here Monday against the new constitution, and Foster, of Harlan, spoke in favor of it. Col. David Y. Littleton I will speak one night this week against it. Please publish in your paper in every issue from now till election day in July that I will speak in stand on that date against the new constitution.

The trial of the Herwells, Magraths and Fees is now going on for the murder of James T. Midleton. They asked a severance and Fee is now on trial. There are 102 witnesses for the Commonwealth and 11 for the defendant. The witness-

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## CRAB ORCHARD.

The blackberry crop in this section will be the finest seen for years.

The W. C. T. U. annual contest will occur to-morrow night at College Hall.

The stock south bound freight killed a good work horse for Patent Meiss Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Anderson have moved in from the country and gone to back-keeping in the Bachman building on Springs Avenue.

Master Fred Newland, who was six years old Friday, was given an excellent supper by his mother, to which quite a number of his little boy and girl friends were invited and feasted beautifully on confections, cakes and ices.

Some predatory scoundrel made a raid upon Mrs. J. H. Stephens' poultry yard a few nights ago and relieved it of ten or a dozen fine young chickens. A load of buckshot ought to be kept ready for such predators.

The Brown School, which has been founded by J. A. Chappell, is one of the best in the county, numbering 140 pupils and Mr. Chappell is fortunate in securing it, but not more fortunate than the district, which has the principal and the most talented assistant, Miss Mary E. Vanoy, the right money to insure a flourishing school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hutchison are in time Pinesville to visit relatives, J. W. James a widow from Liverpool, Eng., Friday. Mr. John Curtis, who has for several months been engaged in business at Morehead, is at his father's, Mr. Monroe Curtis. Mr. J. L. Nelson, the clever and popular operator for Mrs. Newland's mill, took "nose off" Friday and went up to Last Berwick to visit his home there. He returned Sunday, accompanied by his sister, Miss Nelly, who is a guest of Mrs. Newland.

"Adair" Katie George, of Adair, whose name appeared in this column a week or two ago, has told us that her name is very fine and the practice would never be seen in two weeks. She is 18 years old, having been born the last year of the last century. Her maiden name was Dawson, and she had the good fortune to marry three times. Her first husband was Stephen Simpson, from whom she separated. She then married George, a wealthy widower of Knott County, and appears with him to be very happy upon this arrangement. She wants to leave him, however, and wants to buy a home of her own. She is a widow of 18 years old, and bids fair to round out a century of existence.

## FARM AND TRADE ITEMS.

No. 2 red wheat is quoted at \$1.00 in Cincinnati.

The Lexington Stock-yards were destroyed by fire, Loss \$15,000.

W. P. Givens sold to a Lexington party a combined 3-year-old mare for \$275.

J. F. Robinson, of Garrard, bought of William Gresham a butcher cattle at \$21 cents.

Wanted 50 head cattle to graze on good grass. Address J. K. Vannarsdale, Stanford.

J. N. Prewitt, son of Jonathan Owings, a young or young heifer at 20 cents.

We will sell shingles for a few days at \$12 per thousand, for cash only. New Standard Cedar Mill.

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W. P. WALTON.

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ILLUSTRATIVE of that want of precision in the proposed constitution which, if it be adopted, will furnish the occasion of much litigation, we cite the 212 section, "Any president, director, manager, cashier, or other officer of a banking institute or association for the deposit or loan of money, or individual banker, who shall receive or assent to the receiving of deposits after he shall have knowledge of the fact that such banking institution or association or individual banker is insolvent, shall be individually responsible for such deposits so received, and shall be guilty of felony and subject to such punishment as shall be prescribed by law." There is a principle involved in this section which is right enough. But unquestionably the kind of deposit, which we assume out of respect for the intelligence of the convention, was contemplated, should have been specified. As applied to banks and banking the word "deposit" embraces both a general deposit and a special deposit. Doubtless the convention intended the former but unfortunately that intention is not expressed.

By a general deposit, which is by far the more common one, the depositor parts with the title to his money and loans it to the banker, and the banker in consideration of the loan and the right to use the money for his own profitages to refund the amount or any part thereof, on demand. The relation between the two is that of debtor and creditor.

As to a special deposit, an entirely different principle prevails. The depositor does not part with the title to the money or the thing deposited any more than the owner of a house parts with the title to the animal when he leaves him at a livery stable for feeding.

The purpose of the convention was proper enough. The object, doubtless, was to prevent taking banks from receiving general deposits. The reason for this is clear. If the bank should become insolvent the general deposits pass into the hands of a receiver and become assets in his hands for the benefit of all the creditors, and the general depositor gets only his ratable share. In case, however, the deposit is special, the title remaining in the depositor, it is not possible for him to suffer any loss by reason of the bank's insolvency. The thing deposited remains his own and forms no part of the bank's assets.

To illustrate: A. deposits specially with one of the Stanford banks a case of silverware. At the time of its receipt the bank is verging on insolvency and the officers know it. Nevertheless the deposit is safely kept for the depositor. And this, by the way, is all that is to be done with a special deposit. The crash comes and the affairs of the bank are wound up. The only requirement of the depositor is that he go and claim his property. This he does and it is returned to him. He has suffered no loss and it is not legally possible for him to have sustained loss by reason of the insolvency of the institution. Yet under the section quoted, the officers are all guilty of felony. This is the law as it is written. No distinction is made between general and special deposits.

It is quite a common thing for business men to deposit at a bank for safe keeping a deed, a contract, a will, a certificate of stock or other paper of value. Such deposits are special. The bank derives no advantage from them, and only consents to receive them as a matter of accommodation to the depositor and because of its superior facilities for safely keeping papers.

It would be a great hardship, indeed it would be an outrage upon the officers of the bank to punish them as felons for doing an act of neighborly kindness from which not only no loss to any one ensues, but from which a positive advantage results. But all the same, such will be the law if the constitution is adopted.

People may say such a law as this will never be enforced. Possibly, probably not. But in that very fact lies the greatest danger to civil government. When laws are so unwise or so iniquitous that the people will not enforce them, a habit of disobedience to law is engendered. A spirit of revolution is born. One man or one faction will say, if this law can be violated with impunity why may not another? If another may, why not all of them? The argument thus progresses until that temper and disposition are bred which will refuse obedience to any law which restrains the violent or punishes the wicked.

This section illustrates another evil of the constitution beside this one adverted to. It shows the superlative folly of prostituting an organic law to the purposes of a penal code. A constitutional convention should rigidly abstain from mere legislation as should a legislative assembly from constitution making.

THE Frankfort Argus says there are 905 prisoners in the State penitentiary, where there is cell room for but 750. The branch penitentiary is also full to overflowing and something has to be done soon to relieve the pressure. The convicts now number 1,450 and every court in the 119 counties augments the grand army.

THE State Central Committee has issued an address to the democrats of Kentucky urging them not to let any side issue divert their allegiance or diminish their influence and adds: "The fight is still being waged for the supremacy of the right to reduce your taxes to a legitimate limit. No organization for the protection of particular interests, nor your views as to the merits of the old or the new constitution have any concern with your democracy. One is no less a democrat who entertains whatever opinion he may choose on these questions. He is a democrat who votes the democratic ticket." Democrats of Kentucky see to it that the majority in August shall not only justify, but increase, the claims of your state to her pre-eminence in the annals of democracy, so long faithfully sustained."

Truly dirty, low-slung, contemptible infidel, Charles C. Moore, who having played out at everything else, is now trying to make his bread and butter by pandering to the lowest instincts of the proslavery ranks, devotes the most of the last issue of his filthy sheet, the Blue Grass Blade, to the editor of this paper, who would have been serenely unconscious of the attack had not a friend called our attention to it. We have no space to bandy words with such a low down har, even if we had the inclination. His vapors can not hurt us and if they are pleasing to a certain class of creatures, who hate us with a cowardly hate, he can keep them up, so long as he maintains his distance and comes not within the range of our bow or cane.

Two papers are making a great ado over an alleged secret meeting of prominent republicans at Indianapolis for the purpose of side-tracking Harrison and pushing Blaine to the front. The statement is made that our own Col. Bradley was present and pledged Kentucky to the Pinneled Knight. An executive committee was appointed by the gathering to call a future meeting and take other steps necessary to secure the end in view. There is no more doubt that Blaine is the choice of the majority of the republicans for the presidency than that he is one of the greatest statesmen of his day in either party.

THE State Central Committee has made out a list of appointments for Hon. John Young Brown, democratic nominee for governor, which applies as follows to this part of the State: Somerset June 22, Stanford 24, Harrodsburg July 11, London July 22, Barboursville July 23, Middeshboro July 25, Williamsburg July 27, Greensburg July 29 and Columbia July 30. May Wood, the republican candidate, will meet Mr. Brown, it is said, at some of these appointments.

Col. Wood, the republican candidate for governor, opened the canvass at Lexington last week. His speech was the same one Col. Bradley delivered in the last campaign, spoken without the latter's toke and fire, and produced no enthusiasm. Wood may commit to memory the speeches of the Garrard man, but he can never learn his captivating manner of dicing at an audience.

The convention to nominate a senator in the 20th district, which met at Fallmouth, divided into two factions, one of which nominated W. V. Welon and the other S. W. Bradford, both from the same county. There was great disorder and the whole thing was a disgrace to democrats. A republican will no doubt beat them both unless a compromise can be effected.

The democratic candidates for State offices will doubtless ignore the new constitution in their speeches as the convention did. The committees have decided that it is in no sense a political question and left every man to vote or speak as pleases on it. The republican attempt to lug it in as an issue in the campaign will if they don't look out act as a boomerang.

PHILADELPHIA has a treasurer now who will not steal everything he can get his hands on. The supreme court has decided that the governor has the right to appoint instead of the city council, and Gov. Pattison has named Redwood Wright for the place. The people of the Quaker City are to be congratulated.

In order to gull the uninitiated public the secretary of the treasury is going to change the style of book-keeping and count gross assets as money no matter what is charged against them. The surplus of over \$100,000,000 has been dissipated and something had to be done to keep up appearances.

THE State Farmer, devoted to the interests of the farmer and the laboring class generally, with a leaning to the third party business, has made its appearance at Somerset. J. F. McQuerry is editor, assisted by V. M. Doolin and J. T. Barron.

The best thing we have read in connection with the late press meeting is Mr. Charles M. Menlam's "Printer's Pit." The tall, strawberry blonde of Christ is not only an orator, but a wit of rare serenity.

THE Danville Advocate's Centre College number was a triumph in discrimination, illustration and typography, and will no doubt be prized as a souvenir of the most noted occasion in the life of the great school.

LORD, how this world is given to lying, especially the papers which advocate the new constitution! They are claiming that Mr. Watterson has denied the authorship of any of the anti-constitution articles in the Courier-Journal and thereby try to have the inference that he is for the instrument. Mr. Watterson did say he hadn't written a line of the matter, but he took occasion to say he was the sole editor of the paper and responsible for every editorial utterance in it, and was very heartily opposed to the adoption of the new constitution.

A dispatch to the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune from its Washington correspondent says the friends of Mr. Blaine are disgusted as well as in ligature over the recent Indianapolis conference. These friends take the very correct and dignified position that if a point is reached where Mr. Blaine sees fit to make known that he has concluded to be a candidate for the presidential nomination, he will not choose to have the announcement follow as the result of secret deliberation by a score or so of men who have been embittered by failure to obtain office.

1x serious tragic tones Wood, the republican who thinks he is running for governor, shouts "defeat me rather than the constitution." Brer. Wool need waste no breath in such an appeal. It is not in it and the new constitution is almost as bad off.

### NEWSY NOTES.

The prohibitionists of Ohio have nominated a candidate for governor and adopted a white rose for an emblem.

The railroads have made a rate to the G. A. R. meeting at Detroit next month of one fare for the round trip.

There are now 10,373 newspapers printed in the United States and Canada, a gain of 1,043 over last year's record.

The bank examiner who let the Keystone National of Philadelphia get off easily with a fine of \$100,000, has been fired by the treasury authorities.

A. V. Howell, of Atlanta, shot and killed without warning W. J. Metcath, whom he suspected of writing an insulting letter to his wife.

The Central National Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., has closed its doors. Crop failures and poor investments are alleged as causes of the failure.

The cases against Drs. Blackburn and Grant of Louisville, for robbing graves at New Albany, when one of the party was killed, have been dismissed.

At Bushville, Ind., James Story was sentenced to 11 years and \$200 fine for procuring an abortion on Flora Carmichael, from the effects of which she died.

Assistant Secretary of Interior Bussey has decided where a mother's dependence is proven the question of her remarriage is not material to the ease of the case.

The London Echo says that "Little Dick" Ewell, who we take it is a son of the Little Red Hog, got mad at his horse for which he had refused \$140 and killed him with a club.

Prohibition was defeated in Bath county at a recent election by a majority of 250. The county voted whisky out two years, but seems to have acquired a thirst since that time.

The noted short-horn bull case of Meggildon vs. Bedford is on trial this week at Versailles, with Senator Carlisle, ex Gov. Porter, Billy Breckinridge and other noted lawyers on one side or the other.

A mob of 1,000 people took Bob Clark, negro, from jail at Bristol, Tenn., and hung him with a trace chain. He was accused of raping Mrs. John Warren, but the evidence was wholly circumstantial.

Twenty-five coal cars broke loose from a train climbing the mountain near Altoona, and after rushing down three miles at a fearful speed jumped the track and reduced the mass to splinters. Three men were killed.

The Fayette county democratic primaries resulted in the nomination of F. A. Bullock for county judge and D. A. Jones and Capt. W. H. May for representatives in the Lower House of the Legislature.

The Hardin county grand jury failed to find a true bill against Moore for the assassination of his brother-in-law, Showers, but there are nineteen indictments against him for forging witness claims against the Commonwealth.

The coroner's jury in the Snod-Herr wedding feast poisoning, declare that they are satisfied that the victims were poisoned by something in the food, but the nature of that poison they were unable to determine from the evidence.

A runaway freight train on the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap & Louisville Railroad collided with a hand-car, instantly killing three prominent farmers named Sam Post, Cy Cline and Ed Daniels, besides crippling a number of section men.

The Middlesborough Electric Scale Company has been organized, with a capital of \$100,000. A site has been donated by the town company, and work will begin on the plant at once. The new company already has orders to the amount of \$120,000.

The Burnet House, Cincinnati, has been leased perpetually to Dunklee, Zimmerman & Co. at \$33,950 for the first year and \$27,500 a year thereafter, the lessees to pay all taxes and assessments. At the expiration of 10 years they have an option on it at \$650,000.

## IT'S NO USE

Looking for better values than we offer and

## PEOPLE ARE FAST

Finding out that it is a waste of time to attempt to duplicate our goods elsewhere for the same money. You can select a dozen or more items from our numerous departments, note our prices, and after a tour of inspection and comparing our prices with the many others, you'll decide with the rest of the people that our house is the place to secure the

## Best Values for the Least Money.

**White Goods, 5c for checked goods worth 7 1/2c; 8 1/2c for Plaid and Striped Goods, 12 1/2c; 10c for fine goods worth 15 and 18c; 15c for Pique worth 25c; Black Lace Floucing 6c for Lace worth 21; 7c for Lace worth \$1.25. Dress Goods, 1/2c for all wool goods worth 6c; 20c for 36-in-wide all wool filling goods worth 3c; 1c for Plaid and Striped Serves worth 2c; 18c for Mohair worth 3c. Clothing, Shoes, Slippers, Hats, Carpets, Matting, Oil Cloth and Trunks at your own prices. We have just received Five Hundred pairs of Pants which will be sold at less than manufacturers' prices. We will pay the**

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